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Title STANDARD BASED FIREWALL ADAPTER  
FOR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND METHOD

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir;

This paper is submitted in response to the Examiner's Office Action (Final Rejection) of August 10, 2007 (Paper No 4). Applicants have made no amendments to either the claims or the written description. This is Applicants' first response on the merits.

SUMMARY OF INVENTION

Applicants' standard based firewall adapter permits multiplexed tunneling between a send endpoint(s) and a receive endpoint(s) at a specified port. The adapter is compatible with both older and firewalls and endpoint units, and compatible with the newer standard based firewalls and endpoint units. The endpoint client may continue to use older off-the-shelf hardware and software, after installing Applicants' standard based firewall adapter. Neither the send client nor the receiving client need to install expensive a standard based systems. Applicants' adapter is "portable", having